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January 10, 2002

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY# WSEB 02-01
CERTIFIED MAIL# 7099 3400 0002 9772 2326

Subject: Danbury - Public Water System: Ragged Mountain Ski Area (EPA# 0577020)

Dear Mr. Endriunas:

The records of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that the Ragged Mountain Ski Area water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system serving 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit samples to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory for coliform bacteria analysis in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 325.

DES records show that Standard Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for total coliform bacteria, as defined in NH Admin. Rule Env-Ws 315.01, have occurred and that letters of violation were issued for the following months:

October 2001 and January 2002

DES believes the MCL violations can be corrected and future violations prevented by taking the following actions:

- 1 **By January 25, 2002**, retain the services of a qualified water system consultant to address the system's water quality problems relative to the recent bacteriological occurrences; and
- 2 **By February 8, 2002**, submit to DES for review a copy of the consultant's report including recommendations and an implementation schedule to correct the water system deficiencies.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action, including issuing an order requiring the deficiencies be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

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The copy of the consultant's written report as requested above should be addressed as follows:

Alan Leach
Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Engineering Bureau
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Please note that DES records show that following an October 2000 bacteria MCL violation, Ragged Mountain was sent a similar Letter of Deficiency (LOD# WSEB 00-120). That LOD also requested the Water System to retain a consultant and to forward a copy of the consultant's report to DES for review. Although DES received a notation that the system was to be flushed and chlorinated, DES files do not show a formal response to the LOD. If our records are in error, please forward a copy of the consultant's report prepared as a response to LOD# WSEB 00-120, along with the response requested by the present LOD.

Please contact Alan Leach by phone at (603) 271-2854 or by e-mail at aleach@des.state.nh.us, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator
Water Supply Engineering Bureau

cc: ✓ Gretchen Rule, DES Legal Unit
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